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Sunday 30th August 2020 – 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time – Year A

Regular updates on what is happening in the parish due to the coronavirus are being emailed to those who are on the Parish Distribution List (these emails come from Admin St Ninians).

Because they are a group email some email providers block them or class them as spam so please check your junk folder if you have not received them.

If you wish to receive the updates you will need to be on the Parish Distribution List, and you can join by emailing:

stniniandtriduaana1@gmail.com

With Gratitude and Love...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is with gratitude and love that I write this letter to you. We have been travelling together for the last four years. At last my time has come to say 'goodbye' to you all. Certainly, I know that it is not at all a right time for a shepherd to leave his flock, especially at this moment of anxieties and worries. But our Lord has always a better plan for each one of us. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all for your support, friendship, and kindness during these past years. I have been very blessed, and I am very thankful. As a token of my gratitude, I will be offering a Thanksgiving mass for all of you on Sunday 30th August, and that afternoon I will move to St Teresa's Craigmillar where I am going to be until I fly off to Kerala, India.

I assure you of my continued prayers for all of you and please do the same for me and my future missions.

Hearty welcome to Rev Fr Ephraim Ezulike

"The man who will come after me is much greater than I am" (Mk1:7). I think this may be an apt Bible quote to denote Rev Fr Ephraim Ezulike the new shepherd for St Ninian's. Let us keep him in our prayers and extend a very warm welcome to him. Fr Ephraim will move into the parish house on Sunday 30th afternoon.

Once again thanking you all,
yours in Christ,
Fr Syriac OFM Cap

If you wish to keep in touch with Fr Syriac, his personal email address is:

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Reopening the Church for the Celebration of Mass

Our church is now open for Mass. However, we need to ensure everyone is safe and physical distancing maintained at all times. We are also aware that some may prefer to continue to shield at home for health reasons.

We are limited to **50 people in total** who can attend Mass and we usually have a Sunday attendance of 120.

Thus, there are fewer spaces available than is normal. Obviously, not everyone can attend at the same time and so we have **4 options for you to choose from**.

This is what attendance at Mass will be like for the foreseeable future:

- You will be asked to wear a mask at all times and sanitise your hands when you arrive.
- You will be allocated a seat by the Pass keepers.

The services will also be different from what you are used to:

- Mass will be shorter.
- There will be a shorter sermon.
- There will be no singing and no altar servers.
- Communion. The Sacred Host will be distributed at the end of the Mass so that you will be directed to leave your seat, receive Communion, and then be guided to leave the Church.
- There will be no teas and coffees in the hall after Sunday Masses.

Parish Pastoral Council

Booking for Mass

Our booking system for weekend Mass is working well overall and many thanks to everyone for their cooperation. Please remember that if you do not attend one weekend it is **essential** that you phone to book when next you wish to come to Mass otherwise your 'place' will be allocated to someone else. Also ensure that you make clear if your booking is for more than one person. To book text/phone to 07710 720 774 or email des@mercattours.com Help to clean the pews after each Mass is also appreciated. It only takes a few minutes if a fair number are involved in the task.

Special Collections

Since mid-March, when we went into lockdown and our churches were closed as a result of COVID19, there have been no special collections taken up. As previously reported the current funding of the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund (AICF) is not sustainable and there is a need to increase income in order to continue to support our Priests in their retirement. The next special collection for this purpose is due to be taken up on 13 September. A collection box, clearly marked for this purpose, will be available on the way in to church at all Masses that weekend and we would ask that you consider contributing in whatever way you can. Thank you.

One World Group

In these difficult times, the One World Group members continue to pray the Rosary (Joyous Mysteries) in their homes at 7.30 pm each Monday evening. Please join us. If you have any prayer intentions you would like us to pray for, please let us know. You can contact me as below in the 'newsletter' section.

Parish Garden

The **Eco-garden** will be open every Sunday after the 10.15 mass until 11.30 (weather permitting). There is limited seating due to social distancing, though a household can sit together. You are welcome to bring a flask/soft drink or just to enjoy some company.

The gardeners will be working on **Tuesday** mornings (rather than Wed) over the summer period. Again you are welcome to come and enjoy the peace of the garden between 11am and 12noon. Carole Herbstritt 07757352433 Cath Norman 07849924232

Update on Kuba

You will remember Kuba who we have been praying for and fund raised for? Karina, Kuba's mum informed the Polish parishioners that they finally managed to fly to Poland on Sunday, 5th of July. Next week they will have medical consultations in Warsaw, and Kuba must have a current examination which is needed for the surgery possibly by the end of that week. Doctor Paley from America is planning to be in Poland from 22 of August and then after visiting him, he will set the date for Kuba's surgery. Kuba feels good and he and his family thank everyone once again for all the support and help.

Please Pray for Fr Piotr

Please continue to pray that Fr Piotr will make a full recovery following his heart problems.

Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline

(24 hours): 0800 027 1234.

Safeguarding Contacts

<https://archedinburgh.org/administration/safeguarding>

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Advisor Emma Boothroyd

E: safeguarding.officer@stened.org.uk

National Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Tina Campbell 0141 332 7177

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Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fiona Tracey.

Newsletter

Any items by Wednesday midday please to Carol Mulvenna, work – 672 0134, home 672 1223, mobile 07762 924916, email cmulvenna@btinternet.com

If you know of anyone who would like the newsletter emailed to you each week, please let me know by emailing me as above.

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The Sister Parishes of St John the Evangelist, Portobello, and St Mary Magdalene, Bingham, are seeking an open-hearted and experienced administrator to come and join the parish house team on a flexible, part-time basis (20 hours per week) to support our two Parishes.

The Administrator will facilitate the day-to-day administrative operations working closely with the Parish Priest and the Parish Pastoral Team. The role also involves some financial tasks such as supplier payments, basic bookkeeping, and transaction input to the accounting system. Informal enquiries and to receive full details of the role and how to apply are available from Fr. Jock Dalrymple [jockdalrymple@postmaster.co.uk](mailto:jockdalrymple@postmaster.co.uk) T: 0131 669 5447

Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 7 September with interviews anticipated week commencing Monday 14 September 2020.

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Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27 – If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. “Heaven preserve you, Lord,” he said. This must not happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

“For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father and his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection – Come, Follow Me

Adults: In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Children: When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?